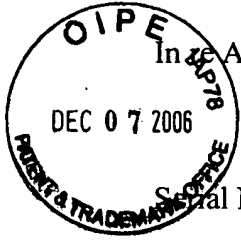


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In re Application of:

Eller, *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/652,923

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For: CONTAINER CARRYING  
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
USE IN AN AUTOMATED  
FILLING PROCESS

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Art Unit: 3721

**Preliminary Remarks**

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Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding non-final Office Action issued on June 7, 2006, in the above-captioned patent application. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-4467 for the extension fee of \$2,160.00 as per our cover letter (and any other fees if applicable). With this extension, the deadline for filing the required response will be December 7, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.

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